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TEACHING FORCE NOW COMPLETED

Many Changes for Next
Year in the Paw Paw
Schools.

PROF. E. J. MARTIN AT HEAD

Comes From Lowell, Mich., and is
Highly Recommended. Schools
Maintain High Standard.

There will be many changes in the corps of teachers in the Paw Paw schools the coming year. All the teachers of the past year were tendered a re-election, but many of them declined in order to accept lucrative places elsewhere or engage in other occupations. The force for the ensuing year is now complete and is as follows:

Superintendent J. A. O'Leary is succeeded by E. J. Martin of Lowell, Mich. Mr. Martin was formerly connected with the state industrial school at Lansing and is a graduate of Alma college; also of the Ypsilanti state normal and the Ohio Northern university. He is recommended by prominent educators throughout the state as one of the best superintendents to be secured in Michigan.

Ray S. Dixon continues in charge of the science and manual training work and was elected principal of the school. Mr. Dixon's work has received much complimentary mention by educators who have visited the schools.

Miss Ethel Fox, who has taught languages in the Quincy, Mich., schools for the past five years, will have charge of that department. She is also a graduate of Ypsilanti normal and her work is highly endorsed.

Miss Mary Harden of Orion will teach English and history. She is a Ypsilanti graduate and experienced in this work.

Miss E. Luella Ross of Big Rapids will teach junior English and take charge of the music and drawing. She is recommended as a fine soloist and chorus director with ability in black board drawing and color work and comes

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HERO MEDALS FOR BOYS THAT DIED

Families of Decatur Boys Who Gave
Lives for Playmates Get Recognition of Son's Bravery.

Three years after the boys gave their lives in an unsuccessful effort to save two companions, recognition of their heroism, in the form of Carnegie medals, comes to their families. George Adams, a Decatur miller, has been notified that at the spring meeting of the Carnegie hero fund commission in Pittsburgh last week, it was decided to deliver to him a medal won by his son at the cost of the latter's life.

In the winter of 1908 Ralph Adams, 12, B. Franklin Bayles, 13, Alvy Mahoney, 12, and Burdett Bleet, 13, were skating on the Lake of the Woods. The latter two boys ventured on a stretch of thin ice and were plunged into several feet of water. Their companions rushed to their assistance, but after a desperate struggle the would-be rescuers and the Bleet

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Spring Rally of the Ministerial

Association at Paw Paw.

Theme, "The Rural Church."

The Van Buren County Ministerial association will convene in the Methodist Episcopal church of Paw Paw, May the 23d and 24th. This spring rally will consist of five sessions, beginning Monday afternoon and closing Tuesday evening.

Delegates are urged to come on one of the morning trains so as to join in the boat rides and auto trips, and be present for the afternoon session Monday. Every minister in the county is expected to attend, and every layman who can is most cordially invited. Every one who comes will be entertained to the best of Paw Paw's ability.

In addition to the president's address and the business session the following magnificent program is offered:

The Rev. Kookwell Clancy, D. D., of India will deliver a truly great address Monday evening. You will hear no greater speaker than Dr. Clancy this summer.

The following chairman of standing committees will read fifteen-minute papers at different sessions of the convention, as follows:

GIVEN A FAREWELL VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Gibson Given Reception by Epworth League. Soon Leave for Home in the West.

The regular monthly business and social session of the Epworth League was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cooper last Monday evening. The evening was spent pleasantly with music and conversation, and also as a farewell visit with Mr. and Mrs. Claire Gibson, who leave very soon for their new home in Geddes, S. Dak.

As a token of remembrance from the members of the Epworth League a beautiful silver spoon was presented to Mrs. Gibson, and Mr. Gibson was the recipient of a gift from his Sunday school class—a handsome paper knife.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson went Tuesday to Lacota, Mich. to visit the former's parents for a few days, after which he will start immediately for the West. His wife will join him there later. The best wishes of a host of friends will go with them to their new home.

LAW RELATIVE TO SPRAYING TREES

Some Growers Careless in Living up to Provisions of Law. Violation is Misdemeanor.

The following extract from the law relative to the spraying and destruction of fruit trees infected with disease is given for the benefit of growers who may not be familiar with the statute or perhaps have grown careless or negligent in regard to the matter:

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons knowingly to keep upon their premises, or upon premises under their control or charge, any tree or fruit infected with the disease known as peach yellows, rosette or little peach, or any part of a tree infected with the disease known as black knot or pear blight. Or any tree, shrub, plant or vine infected with any other dangerously contagious disease, or infected with San Jose scale, canker worm or any other dangerous, noxious insect pest. In case the owner shall refuse to spray or destroy in accordance with the above act, they shall be liable to an action for misdemeanor with a fine or imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

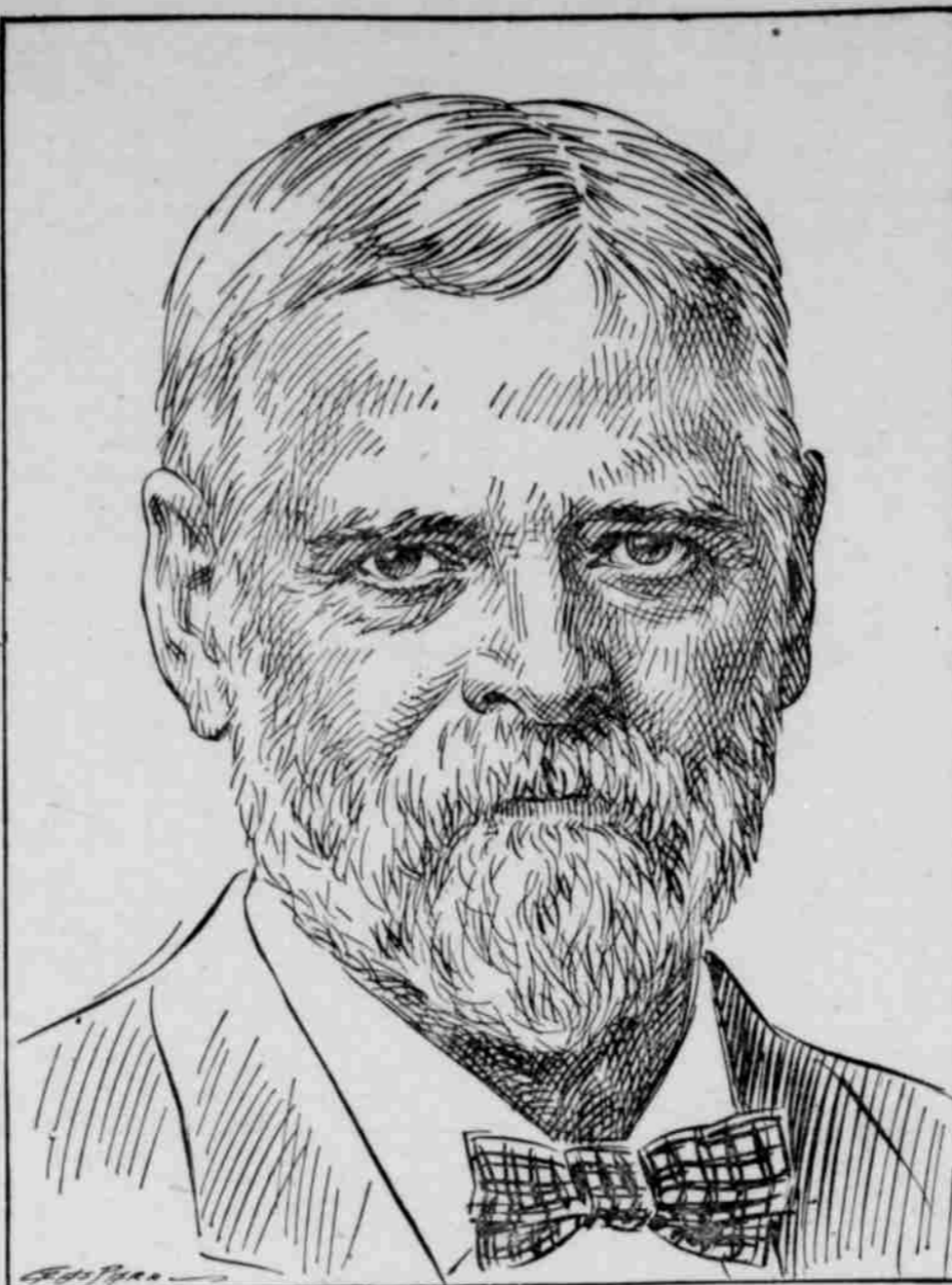
The orchard inspectors sincerely hope that the fruit growers will attend to the above and either spray or destroy anything covered by the act, thereby saving unnecessary and annoying litigation.

LEGIBLE AFTER MANY YEARS

Letter Written in 1847 as Plain as Print. Old Relics Highly Prized by Owner.

Mrs. Eva Fish brought to The True Northerner office this week a letter dated November 19, 1847. The letter was written by Miss Elizabeth Merry at Cedarville, N. Y., to her mother, Mrs. Philura Warner of Paw Paw. Mrs. Warner was Mrs. Fish's great-grandmother. The letter is in a remarkable state of preservation, every word being as plain and legible as though they had been written yesterday.

Among the old papers exhibited to the writer was a certificate making one Junia Warner a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal church. This paper was signed by Elijah Hedding and dated at Auburn, N. Y., September 28, 1834. Another dated at Marshall, Mich., August 23, 1840, made the same party an Elder in the M. E. church. These certificates are of parchment and the writing is now as plain as print.



JULIUS C. BURROWS.
United States Senator from Michigan.

DECIDED THEIR OWN STATE TAX

Telegraph and Telephone Companies Ignored Assessment of State Tax Commissioners.

Lansing, Mich., May 12.—The Western Union and the American telegraph and telephone companies paid the state a sum of money for taxes which they decided they owed rather than the amount the tax commission assessed, says Secretary George Lord of the commission. The rate of taxation used by the commission was \$20.67 per \$1,000 and by using these figures it is found that the Western Union paid taxes on \$100,000 less than the commission assessed them, while the A. T. T. paid on \$375,000 valuation instead of on \$450,000 assessed. Another appraisal of the Western Union property was started before taxes were paid and these figures will be available in a short time to support the state in court, where it is understood that the cases are to be taken. According to Attorney General Bird the state will make every effort possible to collect what is due.

These companies have escaped paying their share of the tax for a long time and evidently they do not propose to begin paying a cent more than they absolutely have to at the present time.

TOMORROW IS "TAG DAY."

Saturday, May 14, is "tag day" in Van Buren county for the benefit of the Michigan Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich. On that day tags will be sold throughout the county and it is anticipated that a substantial sum will be raised for the maintenance and support of this institution. The tag day committee will probably call upon every citizen in the county and will expect every one to purchase a tag and pay as liberally as they can for the same.

RECOVERING FROM INJURIES.

The many friends of Edgar Adriance are glad to know that he is recovering from his recent fall, and is now able to walk out with the aid of crutches. About two weeks ago, while doing carpenter work, he had the misfortune to fall from a rickety stairway and sustain severe injuries. No bones were broken, but the shock and bruises have caused him a great deal of suffering.

CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of Maple City club was held at the club rooms last Thursday evening. Following are the officers elected for the ensuing year: President, M. H. Young; Vice president, Dr. J. C. Maxwell; Secretary, Carl Buskirk; treasurer, F. N. Wakeman. C. C. Chappell and Glenn E. Warner were elected directors.

AFTER 25 YEARS.

James Wilson of Boise City, of Idaho, is visiting his nephew, Harry Wilson, after an absence of 25 years. Mr. Wilson was in the regular army from 1853 to 1858, and also served as a volunteer in the civil war from '61 to '65. He is now 77 years of age and enjoying the best of health.

WILL SEARCH FOR MISSING HUNTER

Another party organized to search in North Woods for Remains of Robert Bielby.

Mrs. Robert Bielby, widow of the Cass county hunter who lost his life in the northern woods while on a hunting trip last fall, cannot give up the idea that his body can be found and brought home. She has organized another searching party that will leave for the north woods this week. This party will consist of Wm. Ridenour, brother of Mrs. Bielby, her son William, Garry Gould and Russell Sheldon of Lawrence, Ellery Cochran of Hart and Joseph Bielby, brother of the missing man from Illinois. They will go to Sidaw, where the party of which Bielby was a member was camped, and go over every foot of the ground where it is possible he may have strayed. A party of six returned five weeks ago after a two weeks' search without finding any trace of the missing man.

It is one of the strangest fates that has ever befallen a hunter from Michigan and the manner in which he met death will probably never be known. Mrs. Bielby is inconsolable and still lives in hopes that his body may be found and brought home.

COME AGAIN, FRED.

Fred Beardslee of Grand Rapids was a welcome caller at The True Northerner office on Tuesday. Mr. Beardslee sells groceries for the Worden Grocery Co., and is one of the best salesmen on the road. He is always welcome, not only among "the trade," but with any one who is fortunate enough to have made his acquaintance. His sunny disposition is one of the best known remedies for the "grouch or blues." Come again, Fred.

HELP FOR GIRLS' HOME.

D. D. Hunt, representing the Michigan Home for Girls at Byron Center, Michigan, has been in this vicinity for the past week with a team and wagon gathering up produce and money for the support of the home. Mr. Hunt presented credentials which would indicate that the home was a worthy institution, and doing much for homeless girls.

CAUGHT TWO-POUND TROUT.

The finest string of trout brought into Paw Paw thus far this season were caught by Harry Salisbury and Sam Kenny, the first of the week. There were four in the bunch, the largest of which weighed a trifle over two pounds. Sam claims the honor of landing the largest one, and is carefully guarding the exact spot where the big ones live.

FOURTH DIVISION SOCIAL.

The ladies of the Fourth division gave a splendid social at the Presbyterian church last Friday evening. Over 150 guests were present. The program consisted of vocal solos by Miss Wood and an address on astronomy by Rev. H. Harvey. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed the evening.

PLANNING FOR EXPOSITION

Meeting of Farmers, Real Estate Men and Fruit Growers at Hartford Should be Well Attended.

There will be a meeting of the farmers, fruit growers and real estate men of Van Buren county at Hartford on Tuesday, May 17, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The purpose of the meeting is to determine what course will be taken in this county, if any, towards securing some representation of Van Buren county at the United States land and irrigation exposition to be held in Chicago this fall under the management of the Chicago Tribune.

Other counties of the state took advantage of the advertising features offered by this exposition last fall and are now reaping the benefits. There should be a large gathering of farmers, fruit growers, stock raisers, dairymen and real estate men at this meeting.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Enjoyable Meeting at Home of W. C. Flook. To Have Ladies' Night. Committee Appointed.

The Fellowship club held an enjoyable session at the home of Wm. C. Flook last Wednesday evening. Rev. G. G. Stansell was the speaker of the evening and gave the club an interesting talk on the laymen's congress recently held in Chicago. Mr. Stansell was a delegate to this convention, and his description of the wonderful work of this great body of men from all the walks of life was indeed an inspiration.

Leland Gorton and Mrs. Katherine Walsh of Chicago favored the club with piano selections which were appreciated.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., W. C. Y. Ferguson; vice pres., Rev. Maurice Grigsby; sec'y, Roy Tuttle; treas., J. W. Free.

The club voted to have a ladies' night, and M. J. Coy, C. W. Reynolds and E. E. Downing were appointed a committee on arrangements. The plans for this evening will be announced later.

Nice refreshments were served, and the club adjourned to meet at the home of Rev. E. H. Harvey on Wednesday evening, May 25.

EMMETT THOMAS PROMOTED

Becomes Manager of Large Milwaukee Concern. Has Regained Health and Has Fine Prospects.

A letter from Mrs. Emmett E. Thomas dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 9, asks to have their address of The True Northerner changed to 300 West St. Continuing, the letter states in part as follows:

"Perhaps you and other of Mr. Thomas' friends in Paw Paw would be glad to know that he is permanently located in Milwaukee again, having recently been appointed manager of the Milwaukee Manufacturing Co., whose traveling salesman he has been for the past five years. He has been with this company for over seven years and the present position is an important one. It came to him through hard work for the company in the past.

The True Northerner has followed us wherever we have been and we look forward each week to this little visit from home. Paw Paw has a warm spot in our hearts and we always plan to see it sometime during the year."

Mrs. Thomas states that Emmett has practically regained his health and closes with wishing Paw Paw and its people prosperity and the best there is always.

BOOSTERS' MEETING.

Don't forget the next meeting of the Boosters' club at the Dyckman house next Tuesday at 1 o'clock. H. C. Waters is in charge of the program.

Musical Treat at South Haven.

Special Train for May Festival.

Paw Paw Should Organize Chorus

With so much high-class musical talent as Paw Paw boasts the town should have a chorus, and the plan of forming one has often been broached, but has never been pushed to completion. It has been revived lately, however, by the success of an organization in South Haven, and many local people have watched carefully the plan adopted there and the results attained.

The society in South Haven was formed last fall, has already given two concerts of unusual merit, and will close its first season with a May festival on Friday, May 27. Many Paw Paw people have already signified their intention of attending this festival, both for the musical treat it will afford and to learn more of its methods with a view to forming such a society here next fall.

Announcement of the festival at South Haven appears in our advertising columns. There will be concerts in the afternoon and evening, and should en-

LIGHT CALENDAR FOR MAY TERM

Court Will Convene May
23, with Calendar of
Sixty-four Cases.

TWENTY-FIVE DIVORCE CASES

Only Ten Will Be Contested. Three Criminal Cases, One for Violation of Local Option Law.

Circuit court for the county of Van Buren will convene for the May term, on Monday, May 23. Copy for the calendar is now in the hands of the printer and will be printed the first of next week.

The calendar, as usual for the May term, will be exceedingly light, and is made up of 64 cases, divided as follows:

Criminal, three: Issues of Fact, Jury, nine; Issues of Fact, non Jury, five; Chancery first class, 22; Chancery second class, 25. The three criminal cases are The People vs. Forry L. Brott, abandonment; People vs. Wakeley Elkenburg, violation of local option law, and People vs. Wilber C. Hathaway, abandonment.

Interest in the criminal calendar centers around the Elkenburg case. Mr. Elkenburg is a prominent real estate dealer of the city of South Haven and former city treasurer. He is charged with the crime known as "bootlegging." The outcome of the case will be watched with interest.

The chancery calendar contains 25 divorce cases. Of these ten will be contested, and in the others no appearance of defendant has been filed. In 17 of the divorce cases the bill of complaint was filed by the wife, and in the other eight the husband is the aggrieved party.

The first week of the term will be devoted to motions, chancery matters, etc. The jury will appear the second Monday of the term, when criminal matters will receive attention.

INHUMAN WRETCH AGAIN AT LARGE

Some Fiend Cut Horse's Tongue Out in Berrien County. Similar to Previous Acts of Cruelty.

Farmers of Sodus township in Berrien county are again guarding their barns and patrolling their farms in the hopes of meeting the inhuman wretch who has again appeared in their midst. Last week this fiend incarnate visited the barn of one Will Winter and cut the tongue from the mouth of one of his valuable horses.

This is a repetition of a series of similar brutalities that broke out in that locality about a year and a half ago. At that time several horses of various farmers were attacked in the night and their tongues cut out. Detectives were employed and after months of search and investigation one Max Minnie was arrested for the crime. He was convicted and sentenced to Jackson for five years. He served one year when the supreme court reversed the verdict and ordered a new trial. In the meantime the principal witness died, the people had no case and Minnie was released. It is to be hoped that the perpetrator of such a dastardly deed may be apprehended.

ATTENDED DENTAL MEETING.

Dr. O. E. Lauphere went to Niles, Wednesday, to attend a district meeting of the state dental society. The annual meeting of the state society will be held in Detroit, June 13, 14, 15.